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In response to the Office Action dated 16 February 2006, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subspecies of Group a. (Drip Hole, shown in Figures 4-6, which correspond to claims 13-21 and 28-39).

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.